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# Everyone will be a winner at the

# ANNUAL

## Friends of Old Time Radio Convention

**October 22-23 Holiday Inn North, Newark International Airport, N.J.**

### GUESTS

SPECIAL CONVENTION GUESTS who have given definite or tentative acceptance of our invitations:

LEE ALLMAN, The Green Hornet  
ARTHUR ANDERSON, Let's Pretend  
GEORGE ANSBRO, Young Widder Brown  
IRA ASHLEY, director, Grand Central Station  
CHARITA BAUER, Our Gal Sunday, many soaps  
JACKSON BECK, Superman, Cisco Kid  
COURT BENSON, Tennessee Jed  
DONALD BUKA, Crime Does Not Pay  
RALPH CAMARGO, Road of Life  
FRAN CARLON, Big Town  
HENRY DENKER, director, Greatest Story Ever Told, Radio Reader's Digest  
ELSPETH ERIC, Joyce Jordan, Girl Interne  
FRED FOY, The Lone Ranger  
WALTER B. GIBSON, creator of The Shadow  
JACK GRIMES, Archie Andrews  
ARTHUR HUGHES, Just Plain Bill  
ELAINE HYMAN, The Lone Ranger  
EVIE JUSTER, Let's Pretend  
JIM LAWRENCE, writer, Silver Eagle, Mountie  
ABBY LEWIS, Road of Life, Dimension X  
ANN LORING  
CHARLOTTE MANSON, Nick Carter  
AUDREY MARSH, singer  
GRACE MATTHEWS, Margo Lane on The Shadow  
ELIZABETH MORGAN, Stella Dallas  
ARNOLD MOSS, Against the Storm  
DICK OSGOOD, writer, producer, at WXYZ  
BILL OWEN, announcer, ABC Network  
FRANK PAPP, director, Right to Happiness  
PATRICIA PEARDON, Let's Pretend  
STELLA REYNOLDS, writer  
LEO ROSENBERG, pioneer broadcaster  
RUTH RUSSELL, Just Plain Bill  
STEFAN SCHNABEL, Chick Carter  
JOHN SEYMOUR  
EZRA STONE, Henry Aldrich

ARTHUR TRACY, The Street Singer  
SYBIL TRENT, Let's Pretend  
BETTY JANE TYLER KARP, Land of the Lost  
JOAN VALENTI, singer  
VICKI VOLA, Mr. District Attorney  
BLAIR WALLISER, director, Chandu the Magician  
JANE WARD, Lorenzo Jones  
FLORENCE WILLIAMS MARSHALL, Front Page Farrell  
...more guests will be added by convention time...

### EVENTS

**EVENTS:** Times listed are tentative, but will not significantly change by convention time. Events marked with \* are 90% confirmed.

#### Friday, October 22, 1982

12 Noon Convention opens; meet guests and fans as they arrive; video tapes of past conventions will be viewed  
6:00 PM Cocktails  
7:15 Dinner  
8:15 Musical Trivia  
9:15 Tape Deck presentation with Manos Nomikos of TEAC, with Question & Answer session  
10:15 Movies and other possible presentations

#### Saturday Morning & Afternoon, October 23 Rooms 2&3:

9:00 to 3:00 Dealer's Room with over 40 tables for memorabilia to be traded, purchased, or admired

#### Room 1:

9:00 AM National Broadcaster's Hall of Fame  
10:00 Compiling Radio Logs with Ray Stanich  
11:00 Meet New Collectors, moderated by Bob Witte  
12:30 PM Acting and Sound Effects Workshop with Brad Gromelski, your chance to act in a radio play!



- 2:00 Al Jolson Special with the members of the International Al Jolson Society. A look at one of entertainment's greatest personalities!
- 3:45 Afternoon Radio Show Recreation with guests
- Room 4:
- 9:00 AM Old Time Radio Clubs with representatives from the major OTR clubs with moderator Ken Piletic
- 10:00 Lux Radio Theater, examined with fan Jim Snyder
- 10:30 Old Time Radio Books and Publications, or, Compiling the Ultimate OTR Library; Gary Yoggy reviews the available literature on our hobby.
- 11:15 \*Grover's Mill, New Jersey, a town famous for an event that never happened—the incredible Martian landing from Orson Welles' Mercury Theater broadcast. We've located some town residents who remember the stir the program caused!
- 12:30 PM The Lone Ranger, radio's most remembered western is discussed by Terry Salomonson
- 1:15 Trivia Contest—your chance to show your OTR knowledge; Prizes!
- 2:00 Radio Flubs and Fluffs—Radio's inadvertent and funny moments with Charlie Stumpf, Mary Lou Wallace, and Walt Mitchell
- 2:45 Radio Collecting Experts; Ron Barnett chairs another session of this popular event
- 4:30 WXYZ—The Station that Brought Us The Lone Ranger, The Green Hornet, Challenge of the Yukon; Dick Osgood and other WXYZ regulars talk about life at the great Detroit station at this panel discussion

#### Saturday Evening, October 23

- 5:30 PM Cocktails—Meet and Mingle with the guests and fellow fans
- 7:00 Dinner; Radio Program Recreations (in the past we've reunited casts of NICK CARTER, JOHNNY DOLLAR, MARK TRAIL, the SHADOW, and others); followed by our Awards to the guests for their service to the Golden Age of Radio.

## CONVENTION FEES

Convention Fees: Reserve your spot as soon as possible! Prepaid tickets held at door.

Friday, October 22, all events, \$15 including dinner

Saturday, October 23, afternoon events only (9am-5:30pm), \$6/adult, \$5/child under 16 and \$5/senior citizen.

Saturday, October 23, all events, including dinner, \$24/adult, \$21/children under 16, \$21/senior citizen

Dealer's Tables: Reserve now! \$5/table, limit 3 per dealer, plus registration fees.

Hotel: \$45/single, \$50/double. Reserve rooms when you send in convention

registration. Rooms should be reserved by October 3. Give details (names, nights, etc.) with registration.

## GETTING THERE

Holiday Inn North at Newark International Airport is extremely convenient:

By air: Call free shuttle bus from airport. From LaGuardia or Kennedy, take limousine or helicopter service to Newark Airport, then free shuttle bus.

By bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority Terminal direct to Newark Airport. Call shuttle bus.

By car: From N.J. Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked Service Road after toll booth

From the Garden State Parkway south of the airport, take Exit 142 and follow Rt 24/I78 to Exit 58B marked Service Road.

From the Garden State Parkway north of the airport, take Exit 140 to Rt 22E to Rts 1&9 North, Local. Follow to blue sign marked Service Road, follow to hotel.

From Newark International Airport, exit airport and follow Rts 1&9 North to Service Road.

## REGISTRATION

Advance dinner reservations must be made. Make checks out to:

JAY HICKERSON, Box C, Orange, CT 06477  
(203)795-6261 or (203)248-2887

For further information, you can also contact:

JOE WEBB (914)237-5332  
STUART WEISS (212)948-7872

or contact the following regional coordinators, including car pool or other transportation information:

New England: Bob & Carol Witte  
(203)227-6905

Upstate New York: Gary Yoggy  
(607)962-5171 or 962-9208

Washington DC area: Ron Barnett  
(703)751-3238

Southern area: Ron & Linda Downey  
(704)648-5647

Midwestern area: Ken Piletic  
(312)837-2088

West Coast: Dave Reznick  
(415)344-8645

Convention Committee Members not listed previously:

Dave Siegel, guest coordinator;  
Andy Blatt; Bill Jaker; Anne Webb;  
Anthony Tollin.

Be sure to cast your vote for the Allen Rockford Award for the collector and fan who has done more than their share in advancing the hobby of OTR! Previous winners have been Ken Piletic, John Dunning, Charlie Ingersoll, and Charlie Stumpf.



A PERSONAL NOTE: Thank you all for the wonderful cards and letters. They helped. . Craig (17) is in Kansas City, Mo (816) 737-1374 running Jeff's Cable-TV installation business. Robin (18) is working this summer and will return to Community College in Hyannis, Ma. Her present goal is accounting. I (47) am still teaching piano and playing piano and entertaining at parties, weddings, etc...On Jan 2, Karen and I will be married.

CONVENTION 1982: The flyer is up to date. Get your registration fees in.

IN FOND MEMORY: David Stephens, May 28m 64; conductor...Frank Singiser Jr, 73; broadcaster...Bierne Lay Jr, May 26, 72; tv writer, author, screenwriter... Larry Blake, May 25, 68; Char. actor...Leon Rene, May 30, 80; composer, orch. leader (When It's Sleepy Time Down South; Rockin Robin)...Micki Harris, Jun 10, 42; Member of Shirelles...Jean Weiner, Jun 8, 86; French composer...Curt Jurgens, Jun 18, 66; West German actor...Art Pepper, Jun 15, 56; alto saxophonist... Al Rinker, Jun 11, 74; composer and member of Rhythm Boys with Bing Crosby... Marjorie Bennett, Jun 14, 87; char. actress...Arva G. J. Everitt; writer of radio shows (Mr. District Attorney, Gangbusters)...Jack Mullaney, Jun 28, 49; movie and tv actor...Harry Mills, Jun 28, 68; one of Mills Bros...Albert Miller, Jun 25, 76; playwright, radio scriptwriter...Hank Ladd, Jun 9, 73; radio and tv producer and actor; original Beetle in BAKER BOTTLE AND BEETLE SHOW...Henry King, Jun 29, 96; movie director...Deford Bailey, Jul 2, 82; original Opry artist...Wayne Carson, Jul 4, 55; actor...Herbert Davis, Jun 20, 52; actor...Frank Christi, Jul 9, 52; actor...Joe "Wingy" Manone, Jul 9, 82; singer, trumpet player...John Alexander, Jul 13, 85; stage and screen actor...Bill Justice, Jul 15, 55; musical arranger, director (Raunchy)...Dave Garoway, Jul 21, 69; radio and tv personality...Kenneth Moore, Jul 12, 67; British actor...Leona West, Jul 22, 98; radio actress... Vic Morrow, Jul 23, 50; well-known actor...Sonny Stitt, Jul 22, 48; alto saxophonist...Fred Stuthman, Jul 7, late 60's; actor...Tom Mahoney, Jul 13, late 50's; actor...Harold Foster, Jul 25, 89; creator of PRINCE VALIANT...Dan Seymour, Jul 27, 68; radio announcer (AUNT JEMMY, DUFFY'S TAVERN).

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: NARA NEWS: Spring; many articles...SPERDVAC Radiogram, June; article on Jack Kruschen...WORLD OF YESTERDAY, Apr; article on Edith Wilson, Aunt Jemima, Ace Drummond serial...KASTLEMUSICK Bulletin, June; article on Stephen Sondheim...TV COLLECTOR, June; article on I'M DICKENS - HE'S FENSTER...MILWAUKEE Newsletter, June; article on Don Wilson, Fibber McGee...SPERDVAC Bulletin, Jul; article on visit to Bob Bailey...KASTLEMUSICK Bulletin, Jul; article on Mae West on record.

OTHER CONVENTIONS: The World Fantasy Conv. is being held at the Park Plaza in New Haven, Ct on Oct 29-31. Guests: Peter Streub, Joseph Brennan, Donald Maitz; for info write Ken Avery, Box 8262, E Hartford, Ct 06108...The National Broadcasters Hall of Fame 6th annual induction ceremonies will be on Sep 12, 1982 in the Trinono Ballroom of the New York Hilton from 1 - 4:30 pm. Inductees will be Frank Sinatra, Arlene Francis, E G Marshall, Douglas Edwards. Cost is \$75 a person, \$125 a couple. Write NBHF, 22 Throckmorton St, Freehold, NJ 07728. (201) 431-4656...3rd Annual Al Jolson Film Festival and Convention; Sat. Oct 30, 9 AM - 11 PM; Howard Johnsons Motor Lodge at Newark Int. Airport, Rts 1 & 9 So., Newark, NJ. For further information call Otis Lowe (614) 274-1507 or Ed Greenbaum (212) 225-8709 (Ed will be doing an Al Jolson presentation at our convention)

New ADDRESSES: Tsgt Donald Moore, 136-B Smith Dr, Spokane, Wa 99204...Major Richard Wright, HQ Computer Systems Command, STOP H-6, Ft Belvoir, Va 22060...Ed Drumm, 149 Homestead Blvd, Longmeadow, Ma 01106...Jerry Perchesky, 122 No 8th St, San Jose, Cal 95112



IF BOX IS CHECKED, '6 IS DUE FOR ANOTHER YEAR



HERE AND THERE: New Friends: Wesley Neal, 4284 Palm Springs Dr, East Runt, Ge, 30344

OLD FRIENDS: Larry Slavens, Box 248, Fontanelle, Ia 50846 has many old-time radio magazines from 1974-79 which he would like to give away for \$5-10 to take care of postage. Also 300 reels of tape for about \$2-3 each including 700 SUSPENSE, 200 BILLY and many F MCGEE...Rich Gesner, 8 Belmont St, Lowell, Ma 01851 wants records or tapes of Mel Blanc's Superfun transcriptions for radio. (Rich is one of the foremost record collectors and dealers in the northeast and will have tables at our convention)...Max Sallathiel, 4712 Spiva Dr, Del City, Ok 73115 wants to know and hear from subscribers who are or were musicians...Andy Blatt, 42 Bowling Green, Staten Island, NY 10314 wants used TEAC; either 2300S or SX in good condition. Will pay \$275-350 depending on condition...LaVaughn Payton, 3817 N Balboa Av, Tucson, Az 85705 wants St. Louis (baseball) Cardinals broadcasts in the 40's with Harry Cary and Gabby Street; or with Harry Cary and Jack Buck...Bob Simpson, 6971 Scott St, Hollywood, Fla 33024 wants any tapes of info on Sherlock Holmes. Bob is accumulating a large collection of S H ...Dave Siegel, Box 610, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520 has for trade 2 first-half SUSPENSE "Hapman Won't Wait" 2/9/43 and "Will You Walk into my Parlor" 2/23/43 (both first-half only) Also BBC SHERLOCK HOLMES vs DRACULA (90plus min). Also several updated catalog pages...Dave Swift, 38 Dartmouth St, Halifax, Ma 02338 wants E Bergen or F Allen with Leo Durocher singing Gilbert & Sullivan song about umpires. Also Kate Smith reading "The Small One" on her Xmas show; also Bing Crosby reading it on his show...Ron Bron, 2475 W 16 St, Brooklyn, NY 11214 wants to trade with collectors of excellent sounding material. Has collection of ex. sounding shows.

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL. Satellite News Channel in Stamford, Ct launched its Cable News Service on June 21st. Leo Rosenberg, 86, who broadcast 1920 Pres. election returns over KDKA, flipped the switch at 11 AM. Leo will be a guest at our convention.

HELLO AGAIN, as most of you know, is coming out every two months. Even so, I am not getting much news from you. Let me know of new programs, books, activities. Let me know what you are looking for and what you have.

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